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FIGHTING IS STILL FURIOUS British and Boers Lose Heavily.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from Modder river says the fighting reported by the telegraph operator was the resumption of fighting between Methuen's forces and those of the Boers.

There was a renewal this morning on the stock exchange of the persistent rumors of the relief of Ladysmith, but the war office and all other officials utterly discredit the report, which is generally believed to have been started with the object of unloading Kaffir shares.

PRETORIA, Tuesday.—The following official announcement has been made: General Cronje reports that yesterday there was desultory fighting until 6 o'clock, when the heavy cannon fire was resumed.

There were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under the heaviest British fire. Our reasons were of very little use. The British were greatly assisted by balloons. Twenty-four ambulances were working backward and forward between the fighting line and the enemy's camp.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—For two weeks representatives of Eastern wool firms, principally from Boston, have been canvassing the wool-growing sections of the state in an effort to buy next year's clip. In the Balconer reserve district, advances have been offered, at full price when delivered next summer of from 17 to 20 cents per pound.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Nancy Wiley, aged 75 years, met with a serious accident which may prove fatal. She slipped on a walk and fell heavily, breaking one of her legs near the hip, and throwing it out at the hip socket. She was unable to rise, and lay in the rain for half an hour before she was noticed by anyone.

BULLER FORCED TO RETREAT Lost Eleven Hundred Men and Eleven Guns at Tugela River.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The war office has given out but little information concerning Buller's engagement with the Boers at Tugela river on Friday, except that his losses in the engagement were killed, 82; wounded, 967; missing, 948; a total of 1897. He also lost 11 guns and large quantities of small arms and ammunition.

News of the defeat of Buller caused a momentary panic on the stock exchange. There was intense excitement in all departments. Immediately after the opening jobs started realizing, and all prices opened from one to six points below Friday's close.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poison in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there is no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, of Havville, Ill. He says: "Electric Bitters was just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life. Only 50 cents, at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed."

MANILA, Dec. 17.—Major Peyton C. March, of the Thirty-third infantry, has abandoned his pursuit of Aguinaldo and has reached Baguio, in the heart of the Gran Cordillera, where the range is 10,000 feet high and where food is scarce and travel almost impossible.

Scattered bands of Macabebes, which have been operating in the north, are being collected with the regular army, and are being sent southward, evidently from Bayombong in the province of Nueva Vizcaya, where it is thought he may encounter the Americans.

Major March's command was defeated by the Boers on the 22nd of November. He was forced to retreat to the mountains, and is now being pursued by the Boers. He is thought to be in the mountains of the Gran Cordillera, where he is being pursued by the Boers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The general debate on the currency bill closed yesterday, and today the bill was read for amendment under the five-minute rule. Upon a pro forma amendment Governor (rep. O.) got the floor to reply to some of the statements made by Bailey (dem. Tex.) yesterday. The bill will pass by about 20 majority.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The navy is 40 short of the best maximum, and this is spite of the best efforts of the recruiting officers. Secretary Long has called the attention of congress to this, and suggests that it might offer a decided incentive by extending to sailors enlisting the benefits of the act relating to apprenticeship clothing not to exceed \$45 in value. Under the present system, the men are kept in debt for months after enlistment by the purchase of the necessary outfit.

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THE EMPIRE IS IN DANGER Englishmen Take a Serious View of the Situation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the World from London says: There is no alleviation of the gloom and panic caused by General Buller's reverse. The British forces in India cannot be further depleted by drafts from South Africa, while the threatened trouble from Menelik, the Negus of Abyssinia and the possibility of complications along the Mediterranean, renders the reduction of the garrisons in Egypt too risky, although General Kitchener is going to succeed Lord Roberts as chief of staff.

A reconstruction of the cabinet is eagerly discussed in political circles. Many deem it imperative that its old and useless members, like Goschen, Chamberlain, Cross, shall be sacrificed. Lord Salisbury, oppressed with public and private cares and shaken in health, is declared to be anxious to retire, but it is represented to him that his disappearance would inevitably cause a total collapse of the administration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The United Irish-American societies met last night and adopted resolutions in which England was denounced as the hereditary enemy of representative government; that her war is one for lust of territory and utterly without justification; that the Boers deserve and merit the support of all free men, and particularly of all Americans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Gage will not discuss the question of further action, if any, he will take to relieve the monetary stringency. The gravity of the situation is thoroughly appreciated by the treasury department, but just what will be done it is impossible to predict.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—As a result of the British reverses, the whole country northward is in rebellion. The natives there, as well as the Boers, are said to be much disturbed, and fast losing heart respecting the strength of the British.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Suspension of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers, has been announced on the stock exchange. The Produce Exchange Trust Company, of this city, has closed its doors. A notice upon the door says the company suspended payment, pending an examination of its books.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: General Otis has now in custody many important persons who were connected with the so-called Filipino government, but no decision as to their future disposition has been reached by the president. A member of the cabinet said today the time had not yet come when the fate of these men could be determined. It is proposed to treat them humanely and, with consideration, and it is believed such a policy will lead other Filipinos to surrender. Any Filipino caught directly in unprovoked murder or looting will be summarily dealt with.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The German press and people are jubilant over the news from South Africa, and everywhere in the streets people greet each other and offer congratulations. Among the press comments tonight is that of the Kreuz Zeitung, which says: "We, in Germany, do not wish England to get the Boer war, and the more completely their power in South Africa is broken, the better for us."

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